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## News on the Move

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## Eradicating Poverty

To mark the United Nations' International Day for the Eradication of Poverty this Monday, Metro Canada is taking a look at how Canadians are fighting poverty and making ends meet.

• **Today**  
We look at the local face of poverty and ask Calgarians how they think we can eradicate poverty.

**Word on the street, page 6.**

• **Tomorrow**  
We introduce you to a local resident who is living in poverty because of the recession.

• **Friday**  
Metro looks at how local agencies are trying to help those who are living below — and above — the poverty line.

• **Online**  
Metro Canada wants to hear your ideas on how we can eradicate poverty and learn about how the issue is affecting your community. Go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) to share your views, tell your story or upload a picture.



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Taryne Faunt, 31, holds on to photos of her three boys, who live with her parents right now. Faunt is one of many Calgarians struggling to rise above the challenges faced by the working poor in this city.

# Working out of poverty

Thousands at risk of homelessness despite jobs: United Way official

## Eradicating Poverty

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**To put a face to poverty is to look around at thousands of Calgarians who are working to get by in a city of unaffordable housing, according to Calgary social agencies.**

And Calgarian Taryne Faunt, 31, can attest to the hardships of working in a city where making less than

## United Way says ...

- Calgary's unemployment a year ago was 3.4 per cent; today it's 7.2 per cent.
- 20 per cent of Calgary social agencies reported a 25 per cent jump in demand this year.

\$13 an hour just doesn't cut it.

"I have been struggling for the past five years to get back on my feet after I had an undiagnosed mental-health problem. I have a job

and a small place to live, but it's not enough," she said.

Faunt is a mother of three boys aged 14, 12 and eight, but she can't gain custody back from her mother and stepfather until she has a bigger home, which she can't afford on what she is making.

"Every single day, it's hard. I miss them. I am trying to do what I am supposed to but this city doesn't make it easy, and I just wish Calgary was a little bit nicer."

The United Way's poverty

director Laureen Gilmour said Faunt is not alone; there are 110,000 to 150,000 people living in varying degrees of poverty in this city.

She also said there are between 16,000 and 20,000 families only one pay cheque away from becoming homeless.

"The misconception is that only the homeless are poor. Poverty is much more than that. A lot of people living in poverty already have jobs," she said. "It's just hard to make ends meet in Calgary because the cost of living is so high."

Clarity key to premier's prospects, expert says

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**ADDRESS** Ed Stelmach needs to come clean on the province's financial well-being — today and in the coming months — if Albertans are to remain confident in the embattled premier, a city political science expert says.

Mount Royal University's Duane Bratt said he believes the premier must provide a clear message on the budget, revenue and the path back to prosperity in a televised address tonight on CTV.

"I hope it's not a tele-ad ... This is a pretty serious matter," Bratt said.

Although the premier may allude to "all Albertans having to share the pain," Bratt said he doesn't believe Stelmach will provide details on spending cuts to rein in a projected \$7-billion budget shortfall.

Anything short of a focused blueprint for a return to fiscal health in the address could spell disaster for Stelmach, Bratt said.

"Then he's just wasted our time and wasted our government's money — and in that case he's not speaking on behalf of the government ... he's speaking as the leader of the Progressive Conservative party."

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# Local



## Hinman sworn into legislature

Paul Hinman, left, has been sworn in as the lone member of the Alberta legislature for the Wildrose Alliance Party after his shocking byelection victory last month in Calgary-Glenmore. Hinman took a seat that the Progressive Conservatives had held for 40 years. This is Hinman's second round as an elected member after he served one term as an Alberta Alliance Party member starting in 2004 before being defeated in last year's provincial election.

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### News in brief

**CRIME** Police are investigating an alleged sexual assault that occurred on Thanksgiving morning in downtown Calgary. A woman was walking along 3rd Street and between 6th and 7th Avenue SW around 10:20 a.m. when a man exposed himself to her and tried to pull her into an alley before she broke free, according to police. The victim was not injured.

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### Calgary Tweets

- @drewmac hope the freedom haters don't find out that all you need to shut down a major Canadian city is 5 cm of snow and hillbilly drivers.
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## Snowfall brings city to crawl

Mayor will request more removal gear after 200 accidents snarl traffic

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It's time to buck up to top up the city's snow removal, the mayor said yesterday.

Mayor Dave Bronconnier said he will ask for at least "a few extra million dollars" for the city's snow removal budget next month during 2010 budget talks.

The mayor said he will push aldermen for the extra funding next month when council adjusts the 2010 budget, but acknowledged it will be tough while balancing the budget without running a deficit.

"I believe the time has come where we have to top up with a few extra million dollars into the program," Bronconnier said, adding council will have to think of ways to find the money.

"Putting more equipment on the road of course comes with additional cost, but I think sometimes the cost is well



In a response to yesterday's early snowfall that had Calgary roads paralyzed and to stave off problems like ones encountered in winter 2008 (picture above), Mayor David Bronconnier pledged to find a way to increase the city's future snow removal budget.

worth the additional benefit even if it's 10, 15, 20 minutes off your commute time."

His comments come after the city's first snowfall helped cause over 200 accidents yesterday, according to police.

Some drivers, like

Nathan Hill, were frustrated by the city's response, which saw 70 pieces of equipment out by 4 a.m.

"I didn't see one sander or grader on my way to work, so I'm not sure when they are out there," he said.

Bronconnier acknowl-

edged the backup but said the city is doing the best they can with what they have. "I think the response was adequate for the material and personal we have. The bigger question is, is 78 pieces of equipment enough?" Bronconnier asked.

## Foul play ruled out in man's death

**MYSTERY** A body found along a southwest pathway on Oct. 8 was not the result of suspicious circumstances, police have concluded.

An autopsy completed yesterday did not indicate foul play, but the cause of death was undetermined by the medical examiner.

The deceased was identified as a 37-year-old man from Morley, police said.

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## Clean Calgary kicks off fundraiser

**DONATIONS** Responding to a growing demand for environmental education, Clean Calgary Association said yesterday they are launching their first-ever fundraising drive after 30 years in operation, with a goal of raising \$50,000 by Oct. 22.

Donations can be made through cleancalgary.org and they are a federally registered charity that can provide tax receipts for all donations.

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## Police ask for patience with infant investigation

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New information released from police investigators indicate one of three newborn babies found dead in a woman's home last week may have been born in 2005.

Last Monday, three newborn babies were found dead in a Taradale home,

one day after 27-year-old Harsimrat Kahlon was found dead.

Since then police have remained silent citing a need for "time" during what they call a complex and unique investigation.

"The investigation has already confirmed (she) gave birth at a Calgary hospital to a healthy baby in 2005 ... tests will determine if one of the babies

found dead in the home was born in 2005," Insp. Guy Slater said.

Slater said he understands the public's need for answers but said this investigation needs time for the scientific results to come in.

"We're awaiting DNA results ... to understand the relationship of the babies to each other, the relationship of the babies to

(Kahlon) and the relationship of the babies to the common-law husband."

Slater said the woman's common-law husband is not considered a suspect at this time and is being co-operative with police.

"One person has all the answers and she is not here with us anymore so we have to rely on science and that takes time," Slater added.

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**Security threatens a small fraction of deportees**

Canada has booted close to 19,000 foreign criminals and security threats from the country in the last decade. Figures from the Canada Border Services Agency show those cases represent only a small fraction — 16 per cent — of all deportations from the country. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Canada



## Young would-be mayor fights on

The 19-year-old who was briefly declared Canada's youngest-ever mayor says his fight to lead Paradise, N.L., isn't over. Kurtis Coombs vowed yesterday to take his case to Newfoundland and Labrador Supreme Court after a judicial recount confirmed another tie in the vote that was swiftly deemed a contentious victory for incumbent Ralph Wiseman because of an earlier tiebreaker.

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## Boyfriend facing murder rap

Chinese police arrest English-language student, cousin in '02 crime

JEFF HODSON  
Metro Canada

**Police in China have arrested the boyfriend of Amanda Wei Zhao, a 21-year-old English-language student who was murdered seven years ago and whose body was discovered in a duffel bag north of Mission, B.C.**

Ang Li and his cousin Han Zhang were taken into the custody of Chinese police this summer and are awaiting trial for the murder, Jenny Kwan, NDP MLA for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant said yesterday.

Neither is expected to be extradited to Canada and Li will not face the death penalty if he is convicted, she added.

"Nothing will bring Amanda Zhao back for the family, their only daughter," said Kwan, who was informed of the arrests by Zhao's family on Oct. 3.

"I am happy for the family that that is finally — I hope — some closure for them. Their day in court is very important."

Kwan and Mike Farnworth, NDP MLA for Coquitlam-Burke Mountain, announced the news yesterday after getting more details this weekend.

Zhao came to Vancouver to study English and shared a Burnaby apartment with her boyfriend and his cousin. She disappeared on Oct. 9, 2002 and her body was discovered by hikers near Stave Lake on Oct. 20. Li fled to China three days later.

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Chinese student Amanda Wei Zhao and her boyfriend, Ang Li, are shown in an undated photo. Zhao, 21, disappeared Oct. 9, 2002, after leaving her suburban Burnaby, B.C., apartment.

## Schoenborn denies torturing children in jail-house interview

**COURTS** The father of three murdered children admitted in a secretly recorded jail-house interview that he killed the children, but he assured their mother they weren't tortured before they died.

Allan Schoenborn confessed two months after their mother, Darcie Clarke, found the bodies of five-year-old Cordon, eight-year-old Max and 10-year-old Kaitlynn.

Schoenborn thought he was telling only his former common-law wife, but she had agreed to tape the conversation for police.

She met with him at the Kamloops Regional Correctional Centre and spoke on a phone to him, face-to-face with glass separating the two.

The audio of the conversation was played Tuesday in B.C. Supreme Court.

### Grim tape

• "I thought it was going to go quick," Schoenborn said referring to the children's deaths. "It didn't go quick. It's not like I knew what I was doing." As their conversation ended, he told her "Don't be so angry. You gotta get that out."

Schoenborn told Clarke he killed the children to protect them.

"I thought they were being molested," he explained.

When Clarke asked why he couldn't have just walked away, he replied that he couldn't because they were in trouble.

"I didn't torture anybody, Darcie," his voice raised as she sobbed in the background.

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### News in brief

**AWARD** Canadian environmentalist David Suzuki has won an honorary "Alternative Nobel" for his work to raise awareness about climate change. Suzuki, 73, is best known in Canada for his television and radio series and books about nature and the environment. He's also been harshly critical of governments for their lack of action on climate change.

**CRASH** The same model of helicopter involved in a fatal crash off Newfoundland this year is under scrutiny by an engineering team in the United Kingdom due to unexplained cracks.

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## Rising loonie troubles Harper

**MONEY** Stephen Harper says he's concerned about the rapid rise of the Canadian dollar.

The prime minister says the recent strength in the loonie poses a risk to the pace of economic recovery, although he doesn't believe it could choke off the rebound altogether.

Speaking in Vancouver, Harper said the Bank of Canada has the ultimate responsibility for the dollar, but Harper gave no advice on what the bank should do.

The loonie has risen

about three cents against the American dollar to about 97 cents US in the past week, and it's expected to hit parity soon.

Harper says one of the reasons for the strength is the relative health of the Canadian economy, which he says is superior to virtually every other industrialized country.

A strong loonie, however, has the effect of making Canadian exports more expensive in foreign markets.

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An airport scanner that speeds up boarding while allowing passengers to avoid pat-down security searches also shows the passenger in a near naked state, providing a black-and-white outline of breasts and genitalia, CBC News Online reports. The X-ray style scanner is in use at Manchester Airport and is expected to be rolled out in other airports across the U.K. and U.S. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Speedier scanners mean more naked scanners**

# World



## Moon to marry off 40,000 today

Nearly a half-century after the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, left, performed his first mass wedding, the 89-year-old leader of the Unification Church is getting ready to marry off tens of thousands of people in spectacles from the United States to South Korea. The church says Moon will wed or reaffirm the marriages of more than 40,000 people. More than 20,000 will participate today south of Seoul, in a ceremony that will be broadcast live at similar events worldwide.

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## Unsafe abortions rampant: Report

**DEATHS** While contraceptive use is increasing worldwide — helping fuel a drop in the number of abortions — unintended pregnancies and deaths from unsafe abortion remain rampant in developing nations, a research institute reported yesterday in a major global survey. The report, three years in the making, was compiled by the New York-based Guttmacher Institute, which supports abortion rights and is a leading source of data on abortion-related trends.

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## U.S. denies bunker buster has Iran link

**The Pentagon is speeding up delivery of a colossal bomb designed to destroy hidden weapons bunkers buried underground and shielded by more than 4.5 tonnes of reinforced concrete.**

Call it Plan B for dealing with Iran, which recently revealed a long-suspected nuclear site deep inside a mountain near the holy city of Qom.

The 13.6-tonne behemoth — called the “massive ordnance penetrator,” or MOP — will be the largest non-nuclear bomb in the U.S. arsenal and carry 2,400 kilograms of explosives. The bomb is about 10 times more powerful than the weapon it is

**“This is just a capability that we think is necessary given the world we live in.”**

Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell designed to replace.

Pentagon officials acknowledge that the new bomb is intended to blow up fortified sites like those used by Iran and North Korea for their nuclear programs, but they deny there is a specific target in mind.

“I don’t think anybody can divine potential targets,” Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell said.

“This is just a capability that we think is necessary given the world we live in.”

The Obama administration has struggled to counter suspicions lingering from George W. Bush’s presidency that the U.S. is either planning to bomb Iranian nuclear facilities itself or would look the other way if Israel did the same.

The administration has been careful not to take military action off the table even as it reached out to Iran with historic talks earlier this month. Tougher sanctions are the immediate backup if diplomacy fails to stop what the West fears is a drive for a nuclear weapon.

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## South Africa Protest ignites



Residents from the Sakhile Township east of Johannesburg in South Africa protest poor living conditions yesterday.

## News in brief

**HEALTH CARE** U.S. President Barack Obama’s vow to reform the U.S. health-care system cleared a key hurdle yesterday. Members of the 23-member Senate finance committee voted 14-9 to approve the legislation, setting up a historic debate and moving an

overhaul closer to reality than it has been for decades.

**LOS ANGELES** Prosecutors have charged a 17-year-old with fatally shooting a four-month-old boy in a parked car. Alfonzo Landa allegedly opened fire on the car during an argument.

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**Hemp protest at DEA headquarters leads to arrests**

A half-dozen people, including two farmers, have been arrested and charged with trespassing for trying to plant hemp seeds at the Drug Enforcement Administration headquarters in Virginia. They were among 21 people protesting the ban on hemp farming. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Russia against sanctions for Iran

**NUKES** Russia publicly pushed back yesterday against U.S. efforts to threaten tough new sanctions if Iran fails to prove its nuclear program is peaceful, dealing an apparent setback to President Barack Obama's hopes for Moscow's backing for fresh penalties against Tehran.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Moscow believed such threats were "counter-productive" and that only negotiations should be pursued now. Just last month, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev had said that sanctions are rarely productive but "in some cases they are inevitable," a statement the U.S. hailed as a shift of opinion in Moscow.

Lavrov, at a joint news conference yesterday with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, said diplomacy "still has chances to succeed."

"At the current stage, all forces should be thrown at supporting the negotiating process," he said.

"Threats, sanctions and threats of pressure in the current situation, we are convinced, would be counterproductive."

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## Buried EPA email comes to light

**CLIMATE** A controversial email message buried by the Bush administration because of its conclusions on global warming surfaced yesterday, nearly two years after it was first sent to the White House and never opened.

The email and the 28-page document attached to it, released yesterday by the Environmental Protection Agency, show that back in December of 2007 the agency concluded that six gases linked to global warming pose dangers to public welfare.

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# Pakistan bombs insurgent targets

**Pakistani jets bombed militant targets in the main insurgent stronghold along the Afghan border yesterday in softening-up operations ahead of an expected ground offensive there, authorities said.**

## South Waziristan

For the past three months, jets have been bombing targets in South Waziristan, and the military has been trying to cut off militant supply and communication lines.

The army's resolve to launch the offensive in

South Waziristan has deepened after a recent series of bold and deadly militant attacks.

The Taliban claimed responsibility yesterday for a suicide bombing that killed 41 people the previous day.

The army says 80 per cent of militant attacks in Pakistan are planned from South Waziristan. The U.S. believes insurgents responsible for violence in Afghanistan are based in the area. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Comment

# Honour before peace

## TheWestView

**Paul Sullivan**

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Barack Obama can be forgiven for feeling a little confused these days.

He gets the Nobel Peace Prize and by the reaction, you'd think he was some governor caught philandering when he was supposed to be out hiking the Appalachian Trail.

He should never have answered the phone. Or get Michelle to answer it: "Sorry, what kind of name is that? Nobody here by that name."

I'm just relieved they didn't give it to me. Fortunately, I've undertaken no "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and co-operation between peoples," so they gave it to him instead.

So now he's the Pināta in Chief. Everybody is out to take a whack. I mean it's OK if Yasser Arafat or Henry Kissinger gets the Peace Prize, but Barack Obama? What are they smoking in Oslo? Kipper herring?

From the Taliban to Thomas Friedman, the peanut gallery is in anaphylactic shock. The problem appears to be that

Obama has yet to establish peace on Earth. It's not enough to be in favour of it; dammit, you've got to make it happen. Who cares that he's pledged to restore sweet reason to U.S. diplomacy, close Guantanamo, restore the legitimacy of the UN, strive to address climate change, work for a nuke-free world and try to talk sense with insane, evil warmongers like Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Kim Jong Il? Like, what has he really done, anyway?

Maybe, like Kissinger, he should demonstrate his peacemaking prowess and bomb Cambodia. Surely that would appease his critics.

Or, like Arafat, pretend to negotiate with the Israelis while spending the money earmarked for Palestinian relief on secret arms shipments.

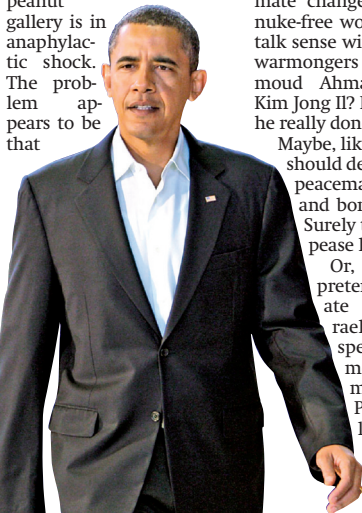
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other, more deserving recipients demonstrates what a travesty this is. How will Obama ever compare with peace-lovers like Teddy Roosevelt and Menachem Begin? I mean, who does he think he is? Lester Pearson?

Somehow, unlike the entire "punditaverse," Obama has managed to prevent his hair from catching fire. He's remained humble, graceful, eloquent and reasonable in the face of outrageous provocation. The more humble and grateful, etc., he appears, the more infuriated his critics become. I can only conclude that after enduring eight years with that clown who once promised to "restore chaos and order," they've decided to take it out on his successor, who is obviously a grownup and can take it.

So come on, eh? Let's give peace — and Obama — a chance.

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## ANOTHER CURRENCY CLIMBS TOWARD PARITY WITH THE U.S. DOLLAR:



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## Letters

### There are better ways to trim a country's deficit

*Re: Higher taxes may be the only solution (Oct. 13)*

Charles Davies suggests that to reduce the national deficit, the federal government will likely have to raise taxes.

Certainly that will be the likely solution of politicians, which serves to remind us that today's

deficits are really tomorrow's taxes.

Of course, raising taxes is not the only way to trim the deficit. A better way is for the government to cut its spending, not ours.

As former U.S. president Ronald Reagan once put it, "The problem is not that people are taxed too little, the problem is that government spends too much."

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## Word on the street: How can we eradicate poverty?

**Aileen Sinco**

age 36, Calgary

A: I think instead of just giving more money they should have more job training and programs to help people find jobs and get back into work.

**Chris Lehner**

age 28, Calgary

A: I think what they are doing now isn't working so they should have more programs focusing on job training, and mental health and addictions counselling.

**Crystal Wupori**

age 23, Edmonton

A: The government should step up to the plate and help people feed themselves. Why doesn't the government donate to food banks? There's no one solution, it's got to be several.

**Shuaib Syub**

age 22, Ottawa

A: I heard that in North America there were more shelters for animals than for people. I don't want to take anything away from animals, but maybe we should balance our priorities a little.

**Karen Thomson**

age 20, Burnaby, B.C.

A: Maybe just be more involved in your community and get to know everyone so we can help everyone ... If we are all involved in the community and we can help people out then it is more like a family.

**Ernie Nikita**

age 59, Toronto

A: Eliminate greed. And then we share ... No greed, people share, we've got peace ... Along with poverty goes disease, goes illness ... It's a distribution problem, but it's all about greed.



## Worth mentioning

### Another win for new media

Twitter users have thwarted a legal attempt to stop British media from reporting details of a parliamentary debate about a company that dumped hundreds of tons of waste in west Africa.

Lawyers acting for Netherlands-registered company Trafifura obtained an injunction stopping The Guardian newspaper from reporting questions lawmaker Paul Farrelly had asked in Parliament.

Bloggers and users of social networking site Twitter began discussing the

case. British law firm Carter-Ruck agreed yesterday that The Guardian could publish details of Farrelly's questions.

Several thousand people sought medical treatment after waste from a tanker chartered by Trafifura Beheer BV was offloaded at sites around Abidjan in August 2006. Carter-Ruck and Trafifura did not comment.

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**Drop in European beer demand hurts growth worldwide**

A drop in beer sales in Western Europe has slowed sales growth worldwide, research agency Canadian reports. Growth fell to 1.9 per cent from six per cent last year. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Business

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## Loonie, pressure rise

Eyes on BoC as dollar soars toward parity

**The Canadian dollar continued to rise toward parity with its American counterpart yesterday, putting pressure on the Bank of Canada to match its words of caution with action.**

The loonie has risen nearly three cents in the past week and was trading at about 97.20 cents US yesterday afternoon, although it was even higher earlier.

While some forecasters had expected the loonie to rise to the level of the U.S. greenback by early next

### Mortgage hikes

Scotiabank, CIBC and the Bank of Montreal raised their posted rates for closed, fixed rate mortgages by up to 0.35 percentage points effective today.

year, it now appears that that "could happen middle of next week," said Derek Holt, vice-president of economics with Scotia Capital.

That is good news for consumers in Canada, who

may see the prices of imported goods fall," and for vacationers or retirees who spend their winter months in the warm states.

But Canada's manufacturing and forestry sectors could be devastated by the loonie's continuing surge.

The Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters estimates a one per cent appreciation in the loonie cuts sales by about \$2 billion, equating to about 25,000 jobs.

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## 'Rationalizer' a high-tech mood ring for traders

**TECHNOLOGY** Philips Electronics has teamed up with a prominent Dutch bank to develop a system of warning home traders when they're about to make a decision to buy or sell stocks while feeling overly emotional.

It's called "The Rationalizer," and a test model is on display at an innovation summit in Brussels this week. It consists of an "EmoBracelet" that looks like it might come out of a science fiction film, and an "EmoBowl" that rests near a trader's computer.

The bracelet supposedly feels emotional states and sends radio signals to the bowl. As feelings intensify, the bowl glows yellow, orange and finally red.

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### Business in brief

**HOUSING** Statistics Canada says contractors' selling prices for new homes rose 0.1 per cent in August following a 0.3 per cent increase in July. On a year-over-year basis, however, new house prices were still down 3.1 per cent from 2008, with Edmonton recording an 11.4 per cent drop and Victoria down 10 per cent.

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### NYSE Actress lends support



Actress Elizabeth Hurley lends her support to Estee Lauder Companies' breast cancer awareness initiative as Evelyn Lauder, Estee Lauder's senior corporate vice-president, rang the opening bell yesterday at the New York Stock Exchange.

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Junior Seau is back with the New England Patriots, coming out of retirement for a third time to sign a contract yesterday for a 20th season as an NFL linebacker. The signing of the 12-time Pro Bowl player was announced by Versus, the television network on which Seau has a show. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Sports



## Enforcer apologizes

Montreal Canadiens enforcer Georges Laraque, left, says he's sorry for appearing in an ad being slammed as sexist. Women's groups have decried the ad for an alcohol drink in which Laraque plays street hockey with a group of scantily clad women. Laraque says he should never have done the ad, is sorry if he offended anyone, and swears he donated the money from it to an animal-rights group.

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# Flames stumble against Blue Jackets

## NHL RESULT

Calgary 1 Columbus 2



Rick Nash stretched his streak of multipoint games to four with a pair of assists 2:04 apart in the second period, and the Columbus Blue Jackets rallied for a 2-1 victory over the Calgary Flames last night.

The Blue Jackets (4-1), off to the best start in franchise history, made the most of a two-man advantage when former Flames Anton Stralman and Kristian Huselius scored.

Stralman scored his goal with a slapshot following a faceoff, and Huselius scored from in-close off a



Columbus goalie Steve Mason makes a save against Calgary's Jarome Iginla last night as the Blue Jackets beat the Flames 2-1.

slick pass from Nash immediately after the second penalty expired.

Curtis Glencross scored for Calgary, which has lost three straight after open-

ing the season with four wins.

It was the second defeat

in two nights for the Flames, who blew a five-goal lead at Chicago on

Monday and lost 6-5 in overtime. The Blackhawks' comeback victory tied for the largest in NHL history.

The Blue Jackets, fresh off a successful western road trip in which they won two of three, got a solid outing from goalie Steve Mason after he was yanked in his last outing.

Last season's Calder Trophy winner as the NHL's top rookie finished with 22 saves, including gloving a slapshot from Eric Nystrom down low late in the game.

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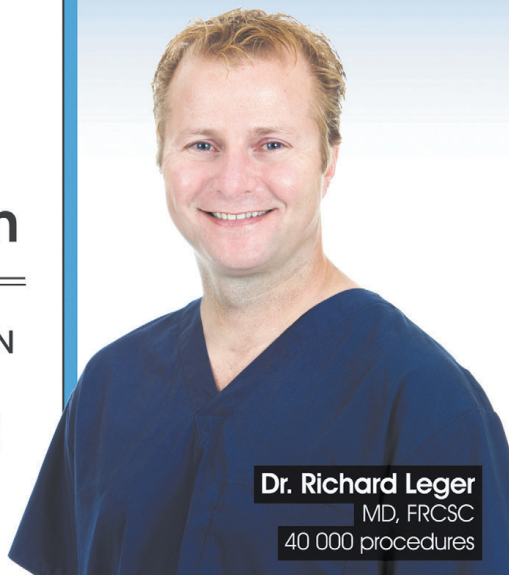
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## IOC official gives negative view of Hiroshima, Nagasaki 2020 plan

**OLYMPICS** A high-ranking International Olympic Committee official has cast doubt on a proposal by Hiroshima and Nagasaki to co-host the 2020 Olympics, saying only one city can host the Games.

"The Olympic Charter clearly states only one city can host the Olympics. It does not allow two cities to co-host the Games. At the moment, the answer is no," Gilbert Felli, executive director for the Olympic Games, told Kyodo News agency yesterday.

Felli said that although there was a proposal to re-

view bid policies, it is unlikely changes will be made before the bid process for the 2020 Games starts in 2011. Rio de Janeiro won the right to host the 2016 Olympics in a recent vote of IOC members at Copenhagen.

The host city for the 2020 Games will be selected by the IOC in 2013.

Felli suggested it would be possible for one of the cities to host the Olympics and the other to host some of the sporting events, such as the first stage of a soccer competition.

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## World peace

On Sunday, a week after Tokyo failed in its bid to host the 2016 Olympics, Hiroshima Mayor Tadatashi Akiba and Nagasaki Mayor Tomihisa Taue said the two cities, site of atomic bombings at the end of the Second World War, wanted to set up a joint committee to vie for the 2020 Games, emphasizing world peace.

## Sports in brief

**NFL** Months after facing sharp criticism for signing convicted dogfighter Michael Vick, the Philadelphia Eagles are making good on a pledge to support animal welfare groups. On Monday, the Eagles awarded grants of \$50,000 US to two humane societies.

**SKIING** Two-time Olympic champion Hermann Maier retired yesterday, ending a career in which he became one of Alpine skiing's most prolific racers. Maier, 36, cited surgery on his right knee in the off-season as the main reason for his retirement.

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## It's Called Football

Gary Miller, president of Bryst Academy player development, and Pat Nearing, head coach of Dalhousie University, discuss the possibility of MLS holding a CIS draft and where Canadian talent ranks compared to that of the U.S. Check it out at [metronews.ca/itscalledfootball](http://metronews.ca/itscalledfootball)

# Phaneuf still a mess on D

Defenceman off to great start offensively, but stats can be deceiving

TheHockeyNews

Brian Costello

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**D**on't be seduced by Dion Phaneuf's stats line of six points in six games. This is not a bounce-back season for him.

Much like he was for most of last season, Phaneuf has been a mess in his own end the first couple weeks of 2009-10. Even when paired with stalwart Robyn Regehr, there's no saving the spectating ornament wearing the No. 3 of the Flames.

Next time you watch, focus on Phaneuf. When the puck's in the Calgary end, Dion can often be found standing around in front of Miikka Kiprusoff with one hand on his stick. He doesn't anticipate well, he doesn't take the body well (other than the occasional highlight reel hit), he doesn't take a hit to make a play (slowing down going after a dump-in so he can be the hitter), he doesn't defend 1-on-1s well and he doesn't block shots.

Compared to his first three seasons, Phaneuf doesn't do a lot these days. Sure, he has the big shot and he is a nice skater and those things do separate the good defencemen from the great defencemen. Problem is, the defensive fundamentals that made

Phaneuf a budding Norris Trophy candidate have gone missing.

And if GM Darryl Sutter didn't realize it last season, his brother and coach Brent must be telling him in spades now. It's an alarming development for the franchise. How is it that a 24-year-old defenceman supposedly in the prime of his career struggles so much in his own end?

The hope after Phaneuf's regression year was he'd bounce back to form this season. With a new team defence-first philosophy and incoming blue-line leader Jay Bouwmeester, Phaneuf was supposed to blossom again like he did under Sutter in junior.

It's not happening, offensive stats aside. The Flames

need to take Phaneuf back to Defending 101 and the Sutters are the men to do it. They're cutting back his ice time (he's 25th among NHL defencemen in average ice so far this season compared to fourth in 2008-09 and second in 2007-08), but he's still a minus and still a defensive liability.

The alternative is to trade him and his \$6.5 million-per-season contract as he becomes a diminishing asset with each passing scouting report.

The team would never acknowledge this publicly. Privately, it must be a growing realization.

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## Toronto Kennedy honoured



Former Toronto Maple Leaf Ted Kennedy is honoured before the Leafs played the Colorado Avalanche last night in Toronto. Colorado won the game 4-1. Kennedy died this summer.

### Sports in brief

**TOUR DE FRANCE** Seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong and 2009 winner Alberto Contador will be on hand today when organizers unveil

the 2010 route. Armstrong and Contador were Astana teammates this year, and the Spaniard won the Tour for a second time.

**TENNIS** Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak advanced to the second round of the Japan Women's Open yesterday with a straight sets win over Australian

qualifier Sophie Ferguson. Wozniak, 22, of Blainville, Que., won the match 6-1, 7-5 and will face Kai-Chen Chang next.

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## Prius still greenest

The redesigned Toyota Prius is still the most fuel-efficient car consumers can buy, according to Consumer Reports, which has named it the Top Pick for Green Car in its annual auto issue for the past six years.

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# 370Z rocks the open air

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for Metro Canada



It's rare that automakers get highly specific about which of their competitors' models they're targeting with a new product. Sometimes there's a broad reference to a certain class or size, but usually it's extremely vague.

So it's surprising that Nissan is getting aggressive with its new 370Z Roadster, the latest version of its iconic sports car, saying the Japanese two-seater has what it takes to take on the class-leading Porsche Boxster.

The 370Z Roadster shares its mechanicals with its fixed-roof sibling, meaning it features a 3.7-



The Nissan 370Z Roadster

litre V6 that produces 332-horsepower, and sends its power to the rear wheels through either a six-speed manual or optional seven-speed automatic transmission. Selecting the optional sport pack with the manual brings the truly awesome SynchroRev Match

system, which makes everyone sound like Michael Schumacher when downshifting by automatically blipping the throttle to the optimal revs without touching the gas pedal. Estimated fuel economy is 11.6/7.7 L/100km city/highway for the manu-

al transmission and 11.4/7.6 L/100km city/highway for the auto.

The Z Roadster feels quick and corners flat, thanks to its revised suspension and either 18- or 19-inch wheels and tires. Standard ABS, EBD, brake assist and stability control keep

the Nissan in check, while the exhaust sounds excellent with the roof up or down.

Stylistically, the Z Roadster differs from the coupe with its shorter windshield, the hard tonneau cover with twin humps that conceals the folded roof, and a

## 2010 Nissan 370Z Roadster

**Type:** Sports two-seater  
**Price:** from \$46,998  
**Engine:** 3.7 V6  
**HP:** 332

### Highlights

- Plenty of features in base model
- Impressive performance

shaped trunk that mimics a rear lip spoiler. The interior features what Nissan calls a "twin cockpit" design, with body-coloured panels flowing down into the cabin. However, the aggressive arrowhead headlights and sharp front fenders carry over, making it instantly recognizable as a Z.

Pricing starts at \$46,998 for the base car, which includes standard intelligent key, heated and cooled seats, Bluetooth hands-free and satellite radio.

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## Hummer in the change

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A Hummer H3. General Motors sold its marque of machismo to a Chinese company last week.

Hey Hummer dude... Come on now, wipe that tear... And no long faces... Have some cake, you'll feel better.

I know GM doesn't want anything to do with you anymore, and just sold the division and all its machismo to a Chinese outfit called Sichuan Tengzhong Heavy Industrial Machinery Corp. for a bargain base price (about \$150 million)...

But just remember what Mother Superior said to Maria, after all those shenanigans with the Van Trapp family came to a head, and she had to broach the subject of Maria maybe not being suited anymore for the nunnery business: "When the Lord closes a door, somewhere he opens a window."

In Hummer's case, that window might be the opportunity to re-invent itself. Now that there's a lot fewer of us into excess, and

a lot more of us into green, Hummer is, to put it mildly, not all that well positioned, at least in its current guise.

"I'm not in any kind of denial that we have a very high steep uphill challenge in front of us," noted Hummer CEO, James Taylor, in an Associated Press interview, soon after the transfer papers had been signed last Friday.

He added that Hummer has been unfairly tagged as the symbol of the American gas guzzler, saying others are just as bad or worse.

He also noted that misinformation has made the brand "stand alone as the ultimate bad guy in that space," something he says is quite far from reality.

I hear your pain brother, but maybe you shouldn't try to shake off that urban legend just yet.

Hummer is one of the most iconic nameplates to emerge in the last three or four decades.

Sure, you couldn't think of a worse vehicle line to re-make as some kind of environmentally friendly brand. But that's precisely what makes the possible re-invention so intriguing.

I think Hummer will, and should, always keep some hard-core vehicles in its lineup.

But what if it managed to pull off a small brute that got better mileage than the Chevy Volt? Should that happen, the hills would be alive with sound of irony.

You have the spotlight, Mr. Hummer. Let's see what you got.

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The Panamera in Porsche's entry to the four-door premium luxury car market.

a lot of new, first-time customers to the brand."

From the headlights to the prominent fenders to

the rounded back, this large "space coupe" (in the words of chief designer Michael Mauer) broadcasts 911, yet unlike that rear-engined icon, the Panamera carries a 4.8L V8 up front, powering the rear, or all the wheels, depending on model. The only available transmission is a seven-speed, double-clutch manual/automatic (PDK) transmission.

Segment innovations include the first Start-Stop system in conjunction with an automatic transmission, air suspension with additional air volume available on demand in each spring, and active aerodynamics.

The interior will be familiar to those who have spent time in Porsche sports cars. You sit low in the vehicle, and the driver's relation-

ship to the controls is pure 911, although the appointments are considerably more luxurious.

There will be three versions of the 2010 Panamera: The \$115,100 S, the \$120,300 4S and the \$155,000 Turbo.

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## Hot Honduras

Frommer's has just debuted a new travel guide devoted solely to Honduras, citing a 65 per cent increase in North Americans travelling there in the last five years but also because of increased interest in the region. Nicholas Gill, author of the first edition of Frommer's Honduras, says the Central American country has "a little bit of everything: beaches, active adventures, historical sites, indigenous cultures, wildlife and laidback getaways."

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# The world's spookiest spots

## Forgo the haunted house attractions for bats, bodies and spiders

**Haunted house attractions and ghost tours can be a lot of fun. But some things are naturally spooky, with no fake blood or recorded howls required.**

If you relish the notion of getting your thrills and chills without Hollywood special effects, check out the world's largest urban bat colony in Austin, Texas; immerse yourself in the webby world of spiders at the Museum of Natural History in Los Angeles; or take a trip to Palermo, Sicily, where the Capuchin Catacombs display skeletons and mummified corpses, some dressed in their Sunday best.

### Capuchin Catacombs, Palermo, Sicily

Rosalia Lombardo still looks like a two-year-old baby taking a nap, her peaceful features framed by curly blond hair and a cute yellow ribbon.

But the toddler nicknamed "sleeping beauty" by Italians has been dead for nearly a century, and is one of the best-preserved mummies among thousands lining the catacombs beneath the Capuchin convent in Palermo, Sicily.

Lombardo's was the last body to be placed in the underground cemetery that



A view of mummified corpses next to a sign saying "friars" in the Capuchins' Catacombs located in Palermo, Sicily, southern Italy.

was dug in the late 16th century, initially to house deceased monks and later opened to the general populace.

Some 8,000 mummies are openly exposed, stacked ceiling-high in the corridors of the catacombs, lying in open niches or propped up in a standing position, many still dressed in their original clothes.

Monks wearing dark frocks, priests in sacred vestments, aristocrats in their best Sunday dress and

the poor in rags as well as young children resting in their cribs were all buried in the catacombs to await Judgment Day.

While Lombardo's body was embalmed by a doctor, most of the mummies were treated by the monks and preserved by the dry environment, leaving smartly dressed desiccated corpses that stare down with empty eyes at visitors walking through the vaulted corridors. The 16th century monks who built the convent outside the city walls soon realized the tufa stone in the ground helped preserve the bodies of the dead.

They enhanced the process by leaving the bodies to dry for months before treating them with vinegar, lime or arsenic. Today, the mummies may give visitors the creeps or encourage sobering reflections on

mortality but, in the cemetery's heyday, they were a comforting presence for relatives and friends who could easily visit their loved ones, pray by their side and care for the body.

### North America's largest urban bat colony Austin, Texas

Fluttering over head then out to the darkening sky beyond, Mexican free-tail bats emerge in downtown Austin at dusk each night from late March until November.

They take flight en masse, a dark moving stream. It's an eerie sight to some but a delight to scores of bat fans who gather at the Congress Avenue bridge to witness the movement of the 1.5 million mammals on their nightly journey to forage for food.

These bridge bats are

## Spooky spots

### Capuchin Catacombs

• The catacombs are located Piazza Cappuccini, 1, Palermo, and are open daily, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

### Austin, Texas bat colony

• Capital Cruises, capitalcruises.com, and Lonestar Riverboat, lonestarriverboat.com, offer bat-watching boat trips. • Bat observers can call a bat hot line throughout the season for information on the nightly flights, courtesy of the Austin American-Statesman (512-416-5700, ext. 3636).

### Spider Pavilion, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

• The Spider Pavilion is open through Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Because spiders are most active in the dark, the museum is also hosting special Halloween-themed flashlight tours where visitors can watch them at night, on Oct. 17 and 30, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. The museum is located at 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles; nhm.org.

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considered to be the largest urban bat colony in North America, according to Bat Conservation International. They're also a tourist attraction for Austin.

Visitors and locals alike gather on the bridge, on the banks of Lady Bird Lake below, at nearby bars and restaurants and even on boats. Far from a nuisance, the Austin bats are a prized attraction in this city that prides itself on being "weird."

There's a bat festival one weekend in the summer to celebrate the colony.

### Spider Pavilion, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

Hundreds of free-roaming spiders are spinning their webs in this walk-through landscaped exhibit. Visitors can watch spider feedings and learn about the webs' intricate architecture and engineering.

Fifteen local and exotic species are on display, including the large golden silk spiders of the Nephila

genus and the golden orb weavers of the Argiope genus, which are known for their yellow and black markings.

Each spins a unique web, some of which are several feet wide.

Unlike a butterfly pavilion where free-flying butterflies sometimes land on visitors, here the spiders stick to their webs along the sides of the pavilion. Humans are not permitted to touch them.

While some visitors may experience an involuntary shudder or a touch of arachnophobia in the presence of all these eight-legged creatures, the museum says that the goal of the exhibit is to "convey how harmless and gentle these animals are and how important they are to our ecosystem."

Several times a day, visitors get to watch the spiders being fed live crickets by museum staff.

Outside the pavilion, other species like tarantulas are on display in terrarium.

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# Low-cost carriers tweet with passengers

## Customers find technology gets their complaints resolved more quickly

A Seattle woman tweets from an airport that JetBlue's birthday present to her was forgetting to put her wheelchair on her flight. Seven minutes later, an airline official tweets back that the crew will work quickly to make things right.

On a Facebook page used by Delta Air Lines, a

traveller suggests Delta wrap its Wi-Fi fee into its ticket price rather than charge separately. The airline doesn't respond. The page mainly promotes the airline, talks up new services and offers travellers tips on popular things to do in the cities Delta flies to, like Las Vegas.

Discount airlines have

traditionally outflanked the big network carriers in customer service and low fares, and it appears they're extending their advantage to social media.

The discounters often respond with quick feedback to travellers' concerns on social networking sites, while traditional network carriers peddle

last-minute fare deals but seem slow to embrace Twitter and Facebook to beef up customer service.

Customers crave good service and reward airlines that provide it.

A survey cited in a July report by Forrester Research showed that 68 per cent of U.S. online leisure travellers say they'd be

**"I think we all believe there's gold in these hills. How to mine that gold, we all take different approaches."**

Roger Frizzell, American Airlines spokesman

willing to recommend carriers to family and friends if the company made them feel like a valued customer.

That's a tantalizing incentive for airlines to transform customer service from the dull telephone and email route into the online networking channel — where every customer can speak his mind to the masses — at a time when the weak economy has caused their revenue to plummet.

The Internet has opened the door to millions of people to beam their views across the planet on everything from the quality of airplane food to how long they waited on the tarmac to take off.

This presents a conundrum for some airlines.

It takes manpower to troll social networking sites that are updated around the clock. JetBlue has 10 people involved with social networking; Southwest Airlines has seven.

But the big carriers, with their higher costs, have faced budget cuts and reductions in management and frontline staff. US Airways, for instance, in July said it would eliminate 340 customer service agent positions around

the U.S..

So, network carriers like American Airlines, Delta and Continental Airlines focus on merchandising, promotions, general information and other issues while taking baby steps when it comes to responding to complaints on social networking sites.

"I think we all believe there's gold in these hills. How to mine that gold, we all take different approaches," said Roger Frizzell, American's vice-president of corporate communications and advertising.

JetBlue, which has an informal group of workers involved with monitoring social networking sites and responding to customers, believes that in the future, social media will become a part of all of its employees' jobs. JetBlue has a million followers on Twitter, more than any other airline.

Paula Berg, Southwest's manager of emerging media, says that carrier jumped into the online social networking arena very early, using the sites primarily as a communication tool and to engage its customers.

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# Workology



## St. Clair's "newsplex"

The City of Windsor and St. Clair College are negotiating the purchase of a new building to house the college's journalism school. St. Clair's president says the key component of the proposed Centre for Media Studies would be a "newsplex" where students would write stories and present them in different formats, including TV and radio.

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# Two generations, one goal

**MAT LECOMPTE**  
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**With an aging workforce and a group of young, hungry employees ready to fill their shoes, what's an employer to do?**

Depending on who you ask, you may get a different answer. Some businesses, like RSM Richter, one of Canada's largest independent accounting and business advisory firms, are trying to recruit younger workers by reassuring them age is not a barrier to

career progression.

"People want to work in a place where they can establish themselves," says Robert Kofman, 42, co-managing partner of RSM Richter in Toronto. "If you don't promote good people, they move on."

A recent Angus Reid survey conducted by RSM Richter indicated that 70 per cent of 18- to 25-year-old Canadians are concerned about losing leadership opportunities to older workers delaying retirement.

For Kofman, who has

**"If you don't promote good people, they move on."**

Robert Kofman,  
RSM Richter

climbed the ranks relatively rapidly, it's important to retain young talent by promoting them accordingly. Combining their ambition with the experience of older employees has helped grow the business.

He says there is room for everybody, and that the company has done a great job at identifying its high achievers early.

"It's not a scenario where you turn 55 and you're out," he says. "People are still contributing." A recent survey by the Pew Research Group predicted that 25 per cent of American workers will be 55 or older by 2016, up from nearly 19 per cent today.

An older work force is going to be a fact of corporate life, and in order to retain important intellectual capital and avoid age-discrimination lawsuits, companies need to figure out how to change office life to accommodate silver-haired



Some employers are trying to recruit young talent, insisting age is not a barrier in their careers.

employees, said Lance Perry, a senior risk engineer for insurance company Zurich Financial Services in Fort Worth, Texas.

Perry has been analyzing the science of beneficial workplace design for more than 25 years and recently helped write a report on how to best accommodate and retain aging employ-

ees. One of the areas the report explored was the importance of passing on corporate knowledge from one generation to the next.

It's mentorship programs like this that help the vision and ideas of young leaders become real, workable policies: A component quite valuable to the success at RSM Richter.

Kofman says the older workers can use their experience to work with younger ones to implement successful initiatives.

"It's helpful to have vision (from the younger workers), he says, "and experience (from older workers) brings in reality."

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## College launches blog

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# Be your own boss: A popular dream

## Dragons' Den

**Dianne Buckner**

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Mike Bailey's tattoo software preview.

**H**ave you ever considered working for yourself? It's a dream that countless Canadians share. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be your own boss, to build a business that could employ your family or friends and neighbours, and to keep all the profits for yourself?

It's a powerful dream — which is why thousands of people make that leap every year. In fact this year, as the economic downturn deepened, statistics showed entrepreneurship on the rise. It's actually a typical phenomenon during recessions — workers who lose their jobs sometimes decide to create their own.

So what does it take to start a successful business? You can pick up some clues by watching Dragons' Den tonight. As always, a wide variety of entrepreneurs enter the Den, seeking investment from the Dragons — the self-made millionaires who regularly invest in those brave enough to pitch them on this CBC reality show.

Some of the pitchers are

well established — a young woman named Jacqueline Sava has sold \$1 million worth of her lingerie soap called Soak over the past three years. She sells her product online, and in stores across Canada. But she wants investment to expand into the U.S.

Others are rookies. Mike Bailey from Hagersville, Ont. has developed software for people considering a tattoo. It allows you to preview a picture of how the design will look on you, before it's inked on.

But as you learn in their presentations to the Dragons, neither of these two entrepreneurs are actually making money yet. Jacqueline's company is breaking even. She paying herself a basic wage, but not raking in big profits at this point. It's not clear from Mike's pitch whether he's making money yet either.

It's one of the realities all

would-be business owners have to consider: That it takes time to actually build the business. One of the principal reasons young companies fail is that they are under-capitalized. The entrepreneur may have raised enough money to get started, but not enough to sustain them through those early days.

On the bright side, consider the stories of the Dragons themselves. Jim Treliving was a Mountie; now he owns Boston Pizza and Mr. Lube. Robert Herjavec was a waiter; now he owns the biggest house in Toronto. Arlene Dickinson was a single mother of four; now her marketing firm services huge clients, and she wears diamonds and Chanel.

Entrepreneurship is a dream worth pursuing.

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den. Tonight's episode airs at 8 p.m. on CBC. Follow Dianne on Twitter @DianneBuckner.

## Stats show hope for employment

**JOBS** Following a grim year that saw the Alberta advantage ebb, new employment statistics suggest there's some light at the end of the tunnel.

For the first time since December 2008, Alberta's seasonal unemployment

rate fell in September, dropping 0.3 per cent to 7.1 per cent, the third lowest in the country behind Saskatchewan and Manitoba. While it's a far cry from the scant 3.8 per cent unemployment figures that marked the province's unmatched prosperity only a year ago, officials believe all signs point to a

turnaround. "We think it's a good sign on the whole, and while we know that one month's numbers don't make a trend, it's still great that they're going in the right direction," said Terry Jorden, spokesman for Alberta Employment and Immigration.

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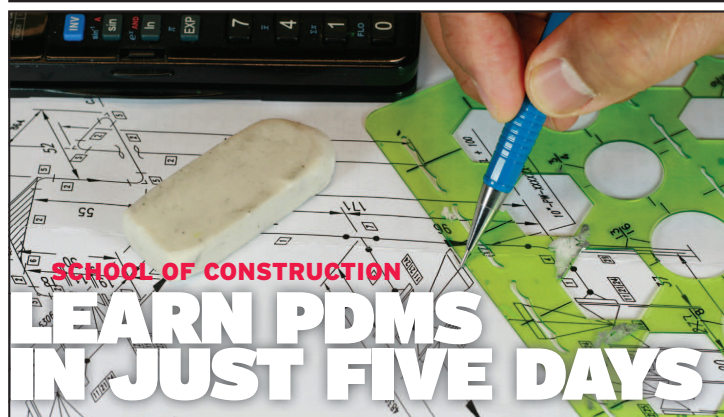
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FOX is giving American Idol season four winner Carrie Underwood her own two-hour variety special. The singer, 26, will host Brad Paisley, Dolly Parton and fellow Idol alum David Cook on her Dec. 7 show. **PEOPLE.COM**

# Entertainment

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## Klum has a girl

Heidi Klum gave birth to a girl, Lou Sulola Samuel, on Friday in Los Angeles. The supermodel's husband, Seal, released a statement Monday about the birth.

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# Children's books come to life

Where The Wild Things Are is the latest big screen adaptation

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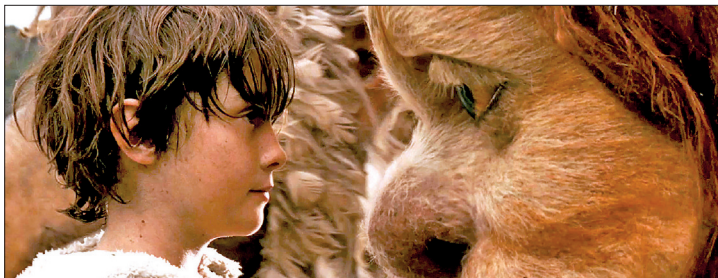
**Spike Jonze's cinematic adaptation of Maurice Sendak's classic *Where The Wild Things Are* is only a few days away from hitting screens and the advanced word is surprisingly good.**

While many adaptations of children's books merely take advantage of the marketing possibilities of recognizable stories and characters, this film actually examines some of the themes and ideas found in the original text, making it one of the few films to accurately capture these aspects of children's literature.

"Good children's literature has at its heart something that is essential and true to childhood experience," says Dr. Deirdre Baker who teaches the subject at the University of Toronto. "It conveys much more between the lines than it does on the surface or in the plot."

Film adaptations rarely feature this aspect of the source material. Very little is left open to interpretation and subtext is usually replaced by crude gags and pop culture references (as in the glossy adaptations of Dr. Seuss' beloved *The Cat In The Hat* and *The Grinch*).

Why is this the case? Baker suggests that "watching



The film adaptation of children's book *Where The Wild Things Are* opens in theatre on Friday.

a film is being taken for a ride while reading text is playing out your own ride." Perhaps the passive experience of watching a movie makes it difficult for filmmakers to convey the subtleties of the original text to their audience. The other key factor is the commercial angle that Hollywood filmmakers are forced to

take on the material.

As Dr. Heather Evans — a children's literature professor at Queen's University — observes, "Films for children are produced and marketed by adults, and are designed to appeal to an adult's perception of a child's tastes or needs." It's an important point since children's films are often

created to sell stuffed toys and Happy Meals.

Of course, that doesn't mean it's impossible to create an intelligent movie based on children's literature: It's just difficult given the differences between the two mediums. A film like *The Princess Bride* was able to capture all the nuances of the original book,

## Movie feature

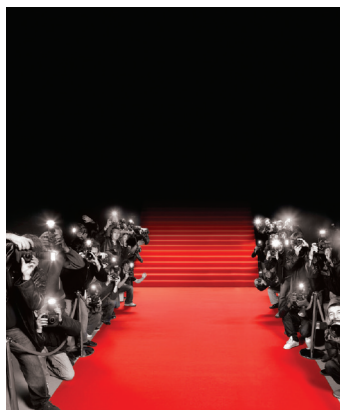
while still playing as a movie (perhaps because the screenplay was written by the novel's author William Goldman).

Impressive adaptations like this certainly can be made, they just require filmmakers who respect both the source material and the intelligence of their young audience.

This combination is sadly rare, but fortunately it looks as if Jonze managed to achieve it with *Where The Wild Things Are* by making the material his own. Author Maurice Sendak specifically chose the director of *Being John Malkovich* to bring his work to the screen, and it seems as though his faith has been richly rewarded.



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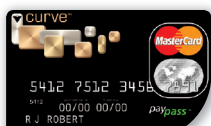


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## Knight wants a baby

T.R. Knight is ready to be a daddy. "I want a baby," the former Grey's Anatomy star reveals on yesterday's Ellen DeGeneres Show. "I don't know if it's going to end up working out, but that would be something I would like." [USMAGAZINE.COM](http://USMAGAZINE.COM)

# Banjo play no laughing matter

Steve Martin hits the road with album of original work for the five-string instrument

KEITH CARMAN  
for Metro Canada

While best known for his work on the silver screen over the past three-plus decades, Steve Martin is finally embracing a tiny aspect of his storied history and bringing it to the forefront.

"When I started doing comedy, I just put in everything I knew," notes Martin about his early career.

Some might recall that in his salad days, the comedian would pull out a five-string banjo, serenading audiences with a song or two. And while it seemed like kitsch at the time, it became a definitive trademark that never blossomed past the odd ditty.

Until now, that is. Finally embracing his ability to its fullest, the 64-year-old has come out of the musical closet; released his debut bluegrass record dubbed *The Crow: New*

Songs For The Five-String Banjo. Spirited, original and prodigious, the album is compelling, spurring Martin to hire on award-winning outfit The Steep Canyon Rangers for a North American tour that will play Roy Thomson Hall tomorrow.

"(Back then) I did

magic tricks, I juggled and I played a few songs on the banjo," Martin reflects, in awe of how his odd-ball hobby has become a major endeavour.

"Basically the act never changed. It just got bigger. Before shows I didn't need to rehearse my routines so I

practised banjo. It was important to the show be-

**"I'd been playing these songs my whole life and in the last five years I wrote another ten songs. I was kind of merging into the banjo world again."** Steve Martin

cause the comedy act looks so ad-libbed that I felt I needed something to show that I could actually do (something) hard."

Still, the creation of *The Crow: New Songs For The Five String Banjo* isn't exactly a flash-in-the-pan concept for Martin. Whittling away at crafting his own tunes over the years, it wasn't until the offer to appear on an album with genre stalwart Earl Scruggs in 2001 that the bug bit. Inspired, Martin hunkered down to write enough tunes for a complete affair.

"I'd been playing these

songs my whole life and in the last five years I wrote another ten songs. I was kind of merging into the banjo world again .... It was a whole kind of life opening up for me; (one) that's music-centric rather than comedy-centric. I hadn't performed comedy onstage in 30 years ... you sort of get fried on it."

At that though, Martin is wary of naysayers claiming he's jumping on the actor/musician bandwagon currently inhabited by celluloid celebs with more disposable income to throw at their "careers" than bona fide talent.

"What they really want to be is a rock star rather than a rock musician," he shrugs. "I really just want to play my songs. There's an appearance difference

when they get on stage because they try to look like rock musicians, or rock stars rather than just being true to their own personality."

"I have been doing this for a long, long time," he concludes, "(but) there is a prejudice against celebrities doing music if they didn't come up that way. I haven't found it, luckily. I'm sure there'll be some backlash for something, you know. I'll make a mistake onstage and get booed..."

## Actors as musicians

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- Jack Black (Tenacious D)
- Jared Leto (30 Seconds To Mars)
- Jada Pinkett-Smith (Wicked Wisdom)
- Keanu Reeves (Dogstar)
- Lindsay Lohan (solo)
- Bruce Willis (solo)
- Woody Allen (solo)

## In brief

**MUSIC** Janet Jackson is topping her latest greatest-hits collection with a new single. The greatest-hits collection, called *Number Ones*, includes 33 classic Jackson hits and her newest song, *Make Me*. The two-disc album will be released Nov. 17. Number Ones spans the pop star's career, from her 1986 debut, *Control*, to last year's *Discipline*. Jackson's last greatest hits album was released in 1995.

**PEOPLE** Boyzone star Stephen Gately, whose body was found in a house on the Spanish resort island of Mallorca, died of natural causes, according to autopsy results released Tuesday. A post-mortem showed Gately, an Irishman, died as a result of a pulmonary edema, or fluid in the lungs, the Balearic Islands Superior Justice Tribunal said in a statement. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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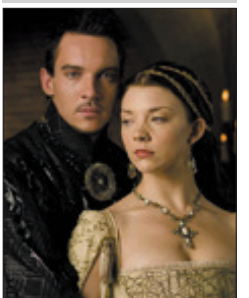
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## critics' corner

### The Tudors

Hey, he tried. In this new episode, it's Christmastime, and Henry (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) has reconciled with his daughters, Mary and Elizabeth (Sarah Bolger, Claire Macaulay). He also offers Pilgrimage of Grace leader Robert Aske (Gerard McSorley) a pardon and a parliament at York in return for calling off the rebellion. Unfortunately, though, Aske's followers don't believe him, and the uprising continues. Annabelle Wallis also stars. 9 PM on CBRT



### The Middle

It's difficult to find time for romance when you have kids. And Frankie and Mike (Patricia Heaton, Neil Flynn) are having an especially hard time of it on their anniversary. Brick (Atticus Shaffer) is ill, Sue (Eden Sher) is having her own love issues, and Axl (Charlie McDermott) is itching to drive. And we haven't even mentioned the two crazy aunts and the incontinent dog. Brian Doyle-Murray guest stars in the new episode "The Floating Anniversary." 9:30 PM on KXLX, 10 PM on ACCES



Olsens add shades to label

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have made oversize shades a signature part of their style, so they have chosen to add vintage-inspired shades to their luxury label The Row. The glasses will be out this spring, people.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Celebrity Buzz

### Spice Girls comeback

**TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT?** Mel B says the Spice Girls are planning an "exciting" reunion, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 34-year-old singer has revealed the girl group — also consisting of Emma Bunton, Victoria Beckham, Mel C and Geri Halliwell — are ecstatic to be working on the comeback project.

She told Bang Showbiz: "We are definitely going to be doing something together again soon. We're actually working on it right now. I

don't want to say too much because I don't want to spoil the surprise, but it's really, really exciting. I can't wait to be singing with the girls again."

Last month, it was reported Mel B — also known as Scary Spice — wanted to get the band back together for a one-off performance in South Africa next summer, at the same time as soccer's World Cup.

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### University interns warned

**LETTERMAN WATCH** David Letterman's days of frolicking with interns are over — at least as far as one Connecticut university is concerned, people.com reports.

Quinnipiac University says it will tell staff in charge of placing interns to be extra careful when sending students to the studio to work for Letter-

man, 62, who is currently at the centre of a black-mail scandal over his alleged affair with one of his former interns.

"Due to recent circumstances we will have a discussion with those in charge of placing our interns at the David Letterman show in the future," the Hamden, Conn., school tells TMZ. in

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### The not so famous Port

**WHO'S THAT GIRL** Whitney Port apparently isn't quite famous enough to go just anywhere. The MTV reality star was reportedly stuck outside L.A. nightclub Winston's for half an hour when the doorman didn't recognize her, according to Page Six.

"The doorman

clearly hadn't seen The Hills or The City and was not impressed by her," a source says. "Port seemed more embarrassed every time another group of girls were let in before her."

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## Swift on the BF hunt

**LOOKING FOR LOVE** Taylor Swift is looking for a boyfriend.

The 19-year-old singer — who previously romanced Jonas Brothers star Joe Jonas — says music has always come first but she is ready to start dating again, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

"I have always been really busy, so finding a date was never easy," she said. "I'm

better on my own, moving around and doing career things. But if someone comes along who is right for me I will definitely go for it."

Although Taylor is ready to find Mr. Right, the singer's previous relationships have not gone well. She said: "I

would probably run in the opposite direction if I saw someone I had a crush on ... and then write a song about it!"

"Shows why I haven't had successful relationships."

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## Jon ordered to repay Kate

**JON AND KATE + COURT DATE** Consider Jon Gosselin the kid who got caught with his hand in the cookie jar, people.com reports.

The reality-show dad, 32, was ordered by a Pennsylvania judge to return \$180,000 US to a joint bank account he shares with estranged wife Kate Gosselin.

It's part of \$232,000 that Kate claimed Jon took from the account

against their divorce arbitrator's explicit orders.

"The remaining sum of \$55,000, which Ms. Gosselin used for household bills and expenses relating to the children, will be subject to further determination by the arbitrator at a later date," Kate's lawyer, Mark Momjian says in a statement out yes-

terday.

"As difficult as this has been for me, I am pleased that the court has ruled fairly on behalf of myself and my children. Now that this matter has been ruled on, I look forward to returning to private arbitration, as we have agreed to do, to resolve any remaining issues," Kate Gosselin adds. If Jon doesn't pony up the cash by Monday, Oct. 26, the judge will haul him back to face potential contempt charges. Kate, for her part, by the same date has to detail what expenses she's been spending money on.

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### Pattinson's female troubles

**WHAT'S HIS NAME?** Robert Pattinson has trouble meeting women because they never remember his name. "Girls scream out for Edward, not Robert," the Twilight star tells the Sydney Morning Herald. "I still can't get a date."

But that doesn't mean he's being left alone. Far from it, in fact.

"Like yesterday, I was having lunch down the road," he says. "We were in this place for a couple of hours and suddenly there was, like, 400 people outside on the street. It was just so nuts and it's like that all the time now."

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### Lachey back with Minnillo

**PATCHED UP** Nick Lachey is back together with girlfriend Vanessa Minnillo after splitting in June. "I was single for a minute there, and then we're kind of patched things up there," Lachey confirmed while visiting Good Day Philadelphia. But the re-

union could be short-lived if Lachey doesn't get around to popping the question, according to Star magazine.

"She never stopped loving him when they were apart," a source says. "But she doesn't want to waste time if he has no interest in marrying her."

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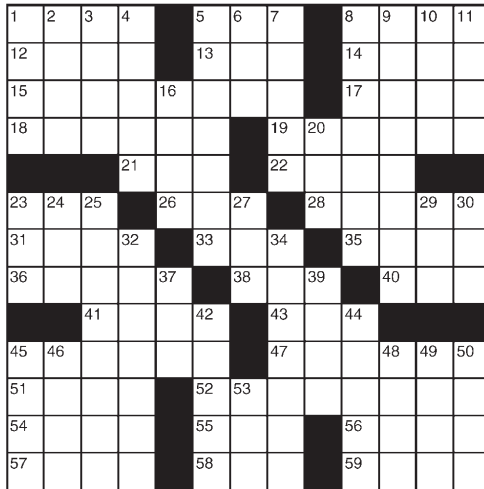
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Long story
- 5 Wander about
- 8 Unembellished
- 12 Winged
- 13 Bruins legend
- 14 Skater's leap
- 15 "Melancholy Baby" start
- 17 Wound cover
- 18 Wailed like a banshee
- 19 Safe and sound
- 21 Moreover
- 22 Sailor's septet
- 23 Pussycat's partner
- 26 Bill
- 28 Treat for Tabby
- 31 Coral structure
- 33 Addressee
- 35 BBs and such
- 36 Part of a Santa costume
- 38 PC program, for short
- 40 Eternity
- 41 Tidy
- 43 Jewel

- 45 "Friends" role
- 47 Shriveled grape
- 51 Settle down
- 52 "Dunno"
- 54 Ticklish Muppet
- 55 Young fellow
- 56 Tears
- 57 Consider
- 58 Exist
- 59 Brewer's oven

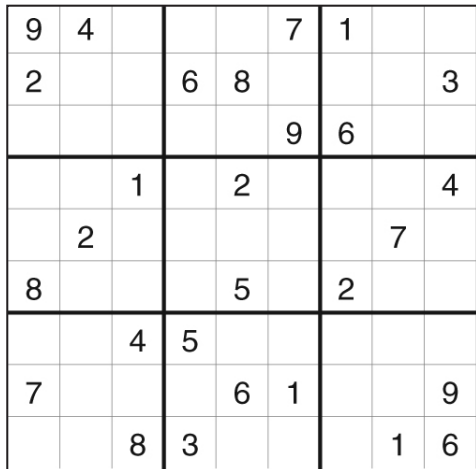
**DOWN**

- 1 Bag
- 2 Burn aid
- 3 Ready for action
- 4 Sports venue
- 5 Paul Harvey sign-off
- 6 Branch
- 7 Frock
- 8 Lash enhancement
- 9 "Oops"
- 10 Bring up
- 11 North Sea feeder
- 16 Mobile home?
- 20 Common Mkt.
- 23 Sphere
- 24 Teensy
- 25 Bill Withers' biggest hit
- 27 Slithery squeezer
- 29 Latin 101 word
- 30 Calendar abbr.
- 32 License
- 34 Better model
- 37 Apply lightly
- 39 Bartlett or Bosc
- 42 Electrical coil inventor
- 44 Itty-bitty
- 45 Begged
- 46 "Gilligan's Island" cast member
- 48 Actor LaBeouf
- 49 Mischievous tykes
- 50 Egg container
- 53 Corn spike

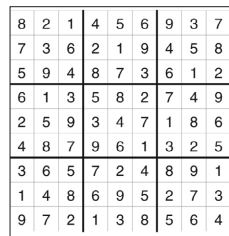
**Sudoku**

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**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**



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**Metro Recipe of the Day**



**Lamb with Raspberry Sauce**

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 cups (500 ml) fresh or frozen unsweetened raspberries
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) finely chopped seeded peeled cucumber
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) finely chopped peeled tart apple
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) white grape juice
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) sugar
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) olive oil
- 8 lamb loin chops

**METHOD:**

1. Place raspberries in blender or food processor; cover and process until puréed. Strain and discard seeds; transfer purée to small pot.
2. Stir in cucumber, apple, grape juice and sugar.

Bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 5-7 minutes or until cucumber and apple are tender.

3. Meanwhile, in large skillet, sauté garlic in oil until tender. Add lamb chops. Cook, uncovered, 7-10 minutes per side or until meat reaches desired doneness (for medium-rare, meat thermometer should read 145 F/63 C; medium, 160 F/71 C; well-done, 170 F/77 C). Serve with raspberry sauce.

**SERVES 4**

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**ARIES**  
MARCH 21-APRIL 20



This is one of the luckiest times of the year for you and it will be doubly lucky if you give up some of your independence and let others do things for you.

**LIBRA**  
SEPT 23-OCT 23



There is nothing you cannot do and no one you cannot impress. With Venus, your ruler, joining the Sun in your sign today doors will open.

**TAURUS**  
APRIL 21-MAY 21



You of all people should know that quality is more important than quantity, and if you keep that fact in mind today you won't go far wrong.

**SCORPIO**  
OCT 24-NOV 22



If someone is in trouble you will ride to their rescue. However, while you can be generous with your time you must be careful with your money.

**GEMINI**  
MAY 22-JUNE 21



Too often in the past your expectations have been too low, but now you will go right the other way and aim higher than you have ever aimed before.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
NOV 23-DEC 21



The cosmic picture is fortunate in the extreme but unless you put yourself about and shake a few hands there is only so much it can do for you.

**CANCER**  
JUNE 22-JULY 22



Venus, planet of harmony, moves to focus on domestic issues today, and if you are wise you will use it to smooth over a long-running dispute.

**CAPRICORN**  
DEC 22-JAN 20



You are determined to prove yourself and show the world what you can do. Today you have luck on your side. It will take you far.

**LEO**  
JULY 23-AUG 23



Don't spend all your time on everyday chores because cosmic activity in the most outgoing area of your chart means the potential for love is high.

**AQUARIUS**  
JAN 21-FEB 18



Cosmic activity in your fellow Air sign of Libra makes this one of the best days of the year for getting things done and enjoying life generally.

**VIRGO**  
AUG 24-SEPT 22



This will be a hugely productive day and, if you plan ahead and think before you act you will impress some very important people.

**PISCES**  
FEB 19-MARCH 20



Joint financial matters will go well today, so well in fact that you are likely to get a bit suspicious and think it's some kind of trick.

**This day in history**


- 1586: Mary I of Scotland goes on trial for conspiracy against Elizabeth I of England.
- 1758: Seven Years' War: Austria defeats Prussia at the Battle of Hochkirk.
- 1789: George Washington proclaims the first Thanksgiving Day.
- 1926: The children's book Winnie-the-Pooh, by A.A. Milne, is first published.
- 1957: Queen Elizabeth II becomes the first Canadian monarch to open the Parliament of Canada with the Speech from the Throne.

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